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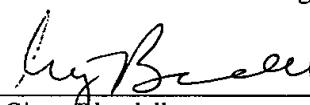
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed January 13, 2003, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-17 and 25-27, drawn to a method of promoting angiogenesis in a subject comprising administering an angiogenic amount of a hedgehog polypeptide or agonist thereof. Applicants elect this invention with traverse, because the invention of Group I, claims 1-17 and 25-27, and the invention of Group III, claims 18-24 and 30-34, encompass overlapping subject matter based on methods of modulating angiogenesis. Accordingly, Groups I and III could be examined simultaneously without significant additional burden. The Restriction Requirement additionally contained a requirement to elect a species. Applicants elect with traverse, and for search purposes only, species i, SEQ ID No: 10-18 or 20, 1-9 or 19. Furthermore, Applicants select, for examination, SEQ ID NO: 15 which corresponds to human Sonic hedgehog.

Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that claim 1 is a linking claim for the inventions of Group I and species i-iv. Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that, in